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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA AND ANGOLA

1. UK PERMREP RICHARD ASKED TO SEE AMB BENNETT URGENTLY AT END OF MARCH 17 SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE: RICHARD HAD JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM LONDON THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN HAD SEEN FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. SOVIETS RELATED THAT THEY WERE AWARE SOUTH AFRICA WAS READY TO SEE MPLA CONCERNING PROTECTION OF CUNENE DAM PROJECT. BELIEVING THAT ANY SUCH FOREIGN PRESENCE IS NOT DESIRABLE, SOVIETS HAVE CONTACTED MPLA CONCERNING PROBLEM. MPLA REPORTEDLY TOLD SOVIETS THAT: (A) MPLA COULD ENGAGE IN NO CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHILE SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ARE ON ANGOLAN SOIL, (B) MPLA DOES NOT WISH TO HARM NAMIBIAN PEOPLE BY DEPRIVING THEM OF RESOURCES PROVIDED BY DAM PROJECT, (C) ANGOLA RESPECTS UN RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NAMIBIA, AND (D) MPLA WISHES SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA.

2. RICHARD SAID THAT HMG INTENDS TO PRESENT THIS MESSAGE TO
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SAG AS REPRESENTING ASSURANCES PRETORIA HAS SOUGHT, ON

BASIS OF WHICH THEY MAY WITHDRAW.

3. RICHARD ADDED THAT SOVIETS READILY AGREED TO RICHARD'S SUGGESTION THAT THIS INFORMATION BE SHARED WITH US. FURTHER, SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT THESE ASSURANCES, CAN PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DROPPING DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN "AGGRESSION" IN SECURITY COUNCIL. RICHARD INTENDS TO SEE SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP BOTHA THIS EVENING, AND BRITISH WILL PRESENT INFORMATION TO EC-9 IN LUXEMBOURG MARCH 18.

4. AMB BENNETT CONVEYED TO BRITISH SUBSTANCE OF OUR EARLIER MEETING MARCH 17 WITH BOTHA (SEPTTEL).
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